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CLEAN-UP IS ORDERED

City Council Take Action Against Gambling Devices

There was something doing at the regular monthly meeting of the city council last Monday night. There were many speeches made, much law expounded and some definite business transacted.

Judge O. F. Libby, executor of the Mills Coleman estate, was present and on behalf of the heirs of the estate presented the city with a check for \$200.00, a donation to the cemetery fund. The donation was made on suggestion of Alex Coleman, who stated that in as much as it was the wish of his brother and wife that they be buried here, and as the estate would be all removed, thus depriving Laclede of the benefits of taxation, he deemed it right and proper that some arrangement be made to help bear the expense of caring for the cemetery in the future—hence the donation. This was certainly a commendable act and one that the people of Laclede appreciate. The board promptly passed a suitable resolution accepting the donation.

The scene now shifts to a condition of things in this town that is not commendable—a species of evil that has grown rapidly the past two years through lax law enforcement.

A committee of business men appeared before the board and urged that the Sunday closing law be enforced. The discussion that followed developed the fact that that was not the only state statute and city ordinance that was being flagrantly violated. It pointed out that slot machines, punch boards and other gambling devices were being operated that had developed a bunch of gamblers in this community that would put the most active frontier town to shame. The city attorney read the law relating to these things and it was made plain that all that was needed was its enforcement.

Councilman Albin took the lead and moved that vigorous action be taken against all violaters complained of. Councilman Allen promptly seconded the motion. The other two members promptly fell in line and the motion carried unanimously.

The marshal was then called upon the carpet and his attention called to his duties in the matter. He was instructed to see that the Sunday closing law was complied with in the future, and directed to notify all operators of slot machines, punch boards and other gambling devices that they must cease operation at once. He performed that duty and by eight o'clock the next morning every punch board and all but two slot machines had disappeared. It is understood that these two have expressed a desire to test the state statute in regard to slot machines, which they have a perfect right to do.

And from what THE BLADE can learn the clean-up is not going to stop here. There are other things going on in this town that are being investigated, facts gathered and the matter will no doubt go to the prosecuting attorney in due time.

Local and Personal

Have two farms for rent. W. S. Savage.

Early June seed oats for sale by L. R. McCoy.

If in need of a farm loan see me. W. S. Savage.

Chas. Dail spent Christmas with relatives at Utica.

A nice new rag carpet of 24 1/2 yards for sale by Mrs. Childress.

A soft coal Peninsular heater, as good as new, for sale by E. B. Allen.

Four blooded Light Brahma roosters for sale at 75 cents each. W. A. Cutler.

Mrs. Ira Downey and two children are visiting relatives at Fayette this week.

Mrs. Darley Rowland returned home Tuesday from a visit relatives at Purdin.

Mrs. E. L. Joyce of Brookfield was a guest of Mrs. J. E. Welsh here last Wednesday.

Miss Lena Mendenhall of Brookfield was the guest of Laclede friends a part of last week.

Mrs. J. J. Deininger is home from spending a week with relatives and friends in Illinois.

Mrs. John Loomis and Miss Ruth Loomis of Meadville are visiting Mrs. M. P. Benson and family.

I want to buy a farm. Draw map of farm and send Vandervoort, 516 W. Platte, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Persons indebted to me please come and settle. I wish to collect all outstanding accounts. J. L. Burke.

Manley Garnett of Baldwin, Kansas, made a short visit among friends here on Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neal of Linneus spent the first of the week here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton.

J. T. Cushing served the patrons of rural route two on Monday and Tuesday of last week while Carrier Baum was out of town on a holiday vacation.

J. N. Wilson came down from Independence on Monday of last week and spent Tuesday here on business and calling on friends who were glad to see him looking so well.

Miss Lillian Sensintaffar returned to her school work at Jefferson City last Saturday after spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sensintaffar on route three.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Peacher left yesterday for an extended visit with relatives at Anadarko and Fort Cobb, Okla. They will be gone several months and may stay all this year. Their son Elmer and family have moved onto the home place.

Miss Emma Gould sold her household goods at auction Tuesday afternoon and with her mother, Mrs. Jas. Gould, left Thursday for an extended visit with relatives at Hillsdale, Mich. The farm has been rented to W. S. Savage who will move onto it sometime this month.

Tax Penalty Added

One per cent penalty has been added to all unpaid taxes. Pay up during January and save the additional one per cent that will be added February 1.

J. B. JONES, Collector.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

R. J. Ormsby, who has been on our mailing list since the first issue of the paper nearly twenty-six years ago, says he can't well get along without it and sends in a remittance from Wakarusa, Kans., to continue it through 1916. He reports himself and family well.

The Shohoney residence in the west part of town was destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week. It was occupied by Dan Anderson and family and only a few pieces of furniture was saved. There was a small amount of insurance on the contents but none on the house.

The new year was ushered in with a shower and thunderstorm. The several inches of snow that had covered the ground since the day before Christmas had disappeared by morning and when the sun came out about noon it seemed more like a spring day than the first of January.

Mrs. Wm. M. Lomax was hostess to a dinner party January 2 in honor of her husband's 75th birthday. During the afternoon Mr. Lomax entertained the guests with music by his new player piano, which all enjoyed very much. Friends and relatives who were not present remembered him with a post card shower which added pleasure to the occasion. After having spent such a delightful day all wished Mr. Lomax many more such happy birthdays and departed feeling glad to have been there.

The Parent-Teachers meeting will be held in the assembly hall Friday, January 14, at 3 o'clock. Subject: "The study of the bible in the home." "As a child what did the bible mean to you?"—Mrs. C. C. Bigger. "As a mother what does it mean to you now?"—Mrs. Etta Foreman. "What do you want it to mean to your child?"—Mrs. M. P. Benson. At this meeting Miss Fisher Shipp will be present and offer a lecture course for the coming year. The attendance of every member is desired and visitors will be welcome.

A. A. Furman received a letter from his mother at Victoria, B. C., last week informing him of the fatal accident that befell his sister, Mrs. Christina Woods, who was also a resident of Victoria. While on her way down town Christmas morning Mrs. Woods was accidentally thrown in front of a street car. Both lower limbs were broken and she died from the injuries a few hours later. She was thirty years of age and leaves a husband and two children. Mrs. Furman is a sister of Mrs. J. C. Fletcher and lived here some thirty years ago.

W. N. Elliott, an old time Laclede citizen, now conducting the Elliott Lumber company at Hawkepoint, Mo., sends in his annual dues and says to keep THE BLADE coming as it is the paper they all want to see on Friday mornings as they want to keep up with the movements of their friends at their old home town. Mr. Elliott says there is lots of fat stock being market there and the elevators are taking in large quantities of wheat and mentions the fact that Lincoln county, in which he is located, stands first in the wheat producing counties of the state.

Died on the Station Platform

Samuel E. Trent of Cincinnati, Iowa, died at the Burlington station here last Friday. Trent was suffering from dropsy and was on his way to Excelsior Springs for treatment. As he was being led from one train to the other by his brother he sank to the ground and died soon after being placed on the baggage truck. The remains were taken to the Nichols undertaking establishment and prepared for burial and shipped back to Cincinnati the next day. Trent was a coal miner at Cincinnati, was 47 years old and unmarried.

Oddfellows Install

H. E. Garside, installing officer, installed the following officers in Amana lodge, I. O. O. F. at the regular meeting held last Tuesday night: E. J. Finney, noble grand; J. B. Jones, vice grand; J. P. Harter, right supporter to noble grand; A. V. Moore, left supporter noble grand; Henry Ehrich, right supporter vice grand; J. W. Haight, left supporter vice grand; H. E. Garside, warden; W. O. Mahurin, conductor; L. B. Haley, right scene supporter; D. M. Grindstaff, left scene supporter; Clifford Shell, outside guardian; A. J. Harter, inside guardian; X. Y. Z. White, chaplain; J. T. Cushing, past grand; J. L. Ritchey, recording secretary; J. L. Burke, financial secretary; Geo. O. Plowman, treasurer, H. E. Garside, trustee three year term; A. J. Harter, two year term; J. T. Cushing trustee one year term.

Ash-Peacher

The wedding of Miss Daisy Ash and Mr. Grover F. Peacher was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Davis, Wednesday, January 5, 1916, the Rev. Rutledge of Linneus, officiating. It was a home affair, only the immediate families and a half dozen near friends being present. Following the ceremony an elegant wedding dinner was served. These splendid young people are well and favorably known, the groom being a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peacher, and an industrious and capable young farmer. They will go to house-keeping at once on the Jas. Bassett farm northeast of town. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

Missionary Meeting

The W. F. M. S. held a delightful New Year's meeting at the pleasant home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke, Wednesday. Mrs. H. C. Carothers led a very interesting lesson from "The King's Highway," Chapter 2. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the special music by Mesdames. Clay, Harter, Carothers, Duckworth and Miss Elfrieda Dueker. At the close of the meeting the hostess, assisted by Miss Ruby Walker, served refreshments. Guests of the meeting were Mrs. Harter, Misses Jennie Stark, Elfrieda Dueker and Ellen Garside. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. F. Clay.

Resuming Practice

My restoration from recent illness is going on in a satisfactory way so that I feel warranted in resuming the practice of my profession. Will office at residence this winter. Hope to go back to office in the early spring. Will attend calls day or night.

J. L. BURKE.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

I. R. Will spent the first part of last week with relatives at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Talbott and two daughters spent last week in Kansas City.

Geo. W. Anderson made a business trip to Chillicothe on Thursday of last week.

Miss Vivia Caywood was the guest of Miss Eunice Hedrick near Dawn last Sunday.

Miss Lela Weber of Richmond is here for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Nichols.

N. A. Ormsby was down from Chillicothe last week and spent Tuesday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hamby of Chillicothe were Christmas guests of Miss Grace Sissons.

Miss Amy Adamson of Trenton, Nebr., is here for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Finney.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ziegler and son Wilford of Bethel spent Christmas and Sunday with relatives here.

John C. Brown came home from the east to spend Christmas with his parents, returning to New York last week.

Albert and Ivan Weber of Richmond spent Christmas here with their sister, Mrs. J. H. Nichols and family.

Prof. and Mrs. E. M. Sipple and little daughter of Moberly were guests of Laclede relatives a part of last week.

Miss Daisy Rankin, teacher in public schools at Carthage, spent holiday week here with her parents and friends.

Miss Beatrice Brott of Brookfield spent the first part of last week with Mrs. A. J. Caywood and family in Laclede.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bigger of Hannibal were Christmas guests of the former's parents, Attorney and Mrs. C. C. Bigger.

Ed. M. Welsh was down from Kansas City and spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Welsh on route one.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Kailer of Naperville, Ill., spent Christmas and over Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kraft.

Miss Dorothy Stratton, student in the Ottawa university, Ottawa, Kansas, spent the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Stratton.

Misses Florence Dye and Madge Kent returned to the Chillicothe business college last Sunday after spending two weeks with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Siegel and baby of Meyer, Ill., spent Christmas and a part of last week with Mrs. Siegel's parents, Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Adamson of New Boston and Misses Agnes and Irene Gooch of Brookfield spent Monday evening and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Finney in Laclede.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson and little son James returned to their home in St. Joseph, Illinois, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shell and family.